

1-1 By: Phelan (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 3781
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2017;
 1-3 May 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs; May 19, 2017, reported
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2017, sent
 1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the uses of the lifetime license endowment account by
 1-19 the Parks and Wildlife Department.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 11.063, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
 1-22 amended to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 11.063. USES OF ACCOUNT. To the extent allowed by
 1-24 federal law, money in the lifetime license endowment fund and
 1-25 interest [~~Interest~~] earned on the lifetime license endowment
 1-26 account may be used only for the purpose of managing the fish and
 1-27 wildlife resources of this state, as follows [~~to~~]:

1-28 (1) acquiring [~~acquire~~] public hunting and fishing
 1-29 areas; [~~and~~]

1-30 (2) developing, managing, and repairing [~~develop,~~
 1-31 manage, and repair] public hunting and fishing areas; and

1-32 (3) making capital expenditures related to fisheries
 1-33 and wildlife resources, including:

1-34 (A) land acquisition;

1-35 (B) construction; and

1-36 (C) the purchase of:

1-37 (i) transportation items;

1-38 (ii) equipment; and

1-39 (iii) information technology resources.

1-40 SECTION 2. Section 11.064, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
 1-41 amended to read as follows:

1-42 Sec. 11.064. RESTRICTIONS. (a) No expenditure
 1-43 [~~expenditures~~] shall be made from the principal of the lifetime
 1-44 license endowment account if that expenditure would lower the
 1-45 unencumbered balance of the principal of the account below \$20
 1-46 million [~~except as provided by law~~].

1-47 (b) The interest earnings on and principal in the lifetime
 1-48 license endowment account may not be used to pay salaries or
 1-49 employee benefits.

1-50 (c) The interest earnings on the lifetime license endowment
 1-51 account may be used for any purpose described by Section 11.063.

1-52 (d) The principal in the lifetime license endowment account
 1-53 may be used only for the purpose described by Section 11.063(3).

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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